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AMENDMENT

In response to the action mailed October 10, 2002 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In certain embodiments, A can be a C<sub>5-8</sub> cycloalkenyl or 5-8 membered heteroalkenyl containing at least two double bonds, A can be phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl, or tetrahydronaphthyl, or A can be phenyl optionally substituted with alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, or amino. --

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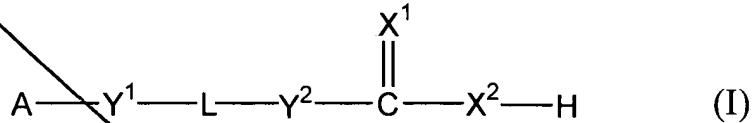
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In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 22 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein

A is a cyclic moiety selected from the group consisting of C<sub>3-14</sub> cycloalkyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>4-14</sub> cycloalkenyl, 3-14 membered heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and heteroaryl; the cyclic moiety being optionally substituted with alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, hydroxylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkyloxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, or alkylsulfonyl;